

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING
November 5, 2003
Salem

Members present:

Stan Strickland, chair
Bob Harris
Mike Murphy
Dan Frasier
John Killin
Mike Grant
Bill Walden

Members present:

Peter De Luca
Joe Miller
Marilyn Schuster
Gary Camfield
Don Berg
Frank Upham

Absent:

Barry Jones
Michelle Potter

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1 MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS

It was MOVED by Mike Murphy and seconded by John Killin to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Status of current rule review:

Marilyn Schuster said that Subdivision K has not been scheduled yet and will not be reviewed until the recommendations from the 10' rule committee are completed.

A hearing was held on November 29 for Division 1, General Administrative Rules. The comment period closed on October 31 and will be final in approximately one week.

The proposed changes to the steel erection rule should be filed the week of November 10.

Topic for The Depot:

OSHA 300 log, education on hearing loss and audiometrics.

It was suggested to add a short article in the spring issue about the hazards of electrical and grounding situations in the work place.

Hearing Conservation:

OSHA 300 log will have a separate column for hearing loss in 2004.

Joe Miller asked Marilyn Schuster about WISHA's rules regarding hearing conservation. Schuster said that she would be happy to look into the program sometime in the future.

Action: Request from Joe Miller to see issue pursued.

OR-OSHA Enforcement of NFPA 70E Standards:

Mike Murphy provided a copy of a citation from OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor about employees working in proximity to electric power circuits and not being protected against electric shock by deenergizing and grounding the circuits. It was concluded in the U.S. Department of Labor's response that OSHA considers the NFPA standard a recognized industry practice.

Miller brought up a concern with enforcement writing a citation for electrical household and office items. Don Berg said that although the office environment is important, he's not that concerned with the coffee makers and lamps. Berg encourages enforcement officers to take a good look at the situation before citing an employer. **Issue is now resolved.**

Concrete Boom Trucks:

Frank Upham said he found an informative videotape on safety and concrete boom trucks. Some of the hazards associated with boom trucks are:

1. Concern on high-tension wires and 10' rule
2. Concrete in boom and weight on outriggers
3. Connection on hoses sometimes fly out
4. Blow-outs of the pipe
5. The line gets air in it and whips around
6. All information in one area regarding concrete boom trucks
7. Cleaning concrete off the trucks

Miller's suggestion was to review what WISHA standards are and then write similar language for concrete boom truck safety in Oregon.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Health and Safety Issues (global/current):

Peter De Luca addressed the Washington State Ergonomics rule. He thought the rule was workable, however, the voters did not pass it.

The committee discussed ergonomics and the importance of employers embracing and learning as much as they can about it. Frank Upham said that Mark Knoll's efforts on OR-OSHA's web site on ergonomics are excellent, and encouraged people to look it up. Upham also said that ergonomics would be addressed at the next Summit Meeting.

John Killin brought to the table the new legislative directed requirement that trades licensed by the Building Codes Division have their trade licenses visible at all times in the field. Schuster said that someone from OR-OSHA could attend the meeting on November 18 with Killin and Building Codes Division. **Action: OR-OSHA staff to attend meeting on November 18.**

Uniformity Issues:

Open Forum:

Stan Strickland, Chair said that his period in office is over in December of 2003, and it was time for the committee to start thinking about a new chair in 2004. It was unanimous to wait until the December meeting to take nominations for the new chair. **Action: This item tabled for the next meeting.**

Miller asked Gary Camfield about the backlog of employers for future inspections. Camfield said there's a backlog of about 80 employers at this time.

Camfield suggested that Tomas' Schwabe attend a meeting in the future to discuss his Peso Program. **Action: This item tabled for a future meeting.**

Upham had concerns with the standards on scissor-lifts reference out to the ANSI standards and suggested including all of the requirements in the OR-OSHA standard.

Mike Grant suggested that the committee should consider inviting a minority contractor to join the committee. Bob Harris thought that perhaps Tomas' Schwabe could recommend a contractor. Someone from OR-OSHA will talk to Schwabe about recommendations.

Since there was no further business for the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting will be held December 3, 2003, at the L & I Building in Salem, Room B.

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